Transfer of leasehold rights under Cantonment Act

8145. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3138 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th August, 1994 and state:

(a) the abridged conditions given in different kinds of leases which govern the transfer of leasehold rights from one lessee to another with rules framed under Cantonments Act, 1924 and schedules thereof;

(b) the details of cases where STR is charged;

(c) whether Government are aware that some of the Class 'A' Cantonments working under the Central and Northern Commands have been causing changes in their General Land Registers without any legal documents and without following financial laws and rules;

(d) whether various defaults have been identified and ante-date entries effected in GLRs;

(e) whether audit has enquired into the lapses and defaults of such cantonment administration;

(f) the details of audit reports received in respect of the above Cantonments during the last three years and action taken thereon;

(g) whether Government would determine the extent of illegal action by concerned Cantonment authorities as above; and

(h) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A Statement is attached (*See* below).

(b) On leases for non-agricultural purposes, Rent and Premium is charged on the basis of STR.

(c) and (d) No such instances have come to the notice of the Government.

(e) to (h) Question does not arise.

Statement

Abridged conditions given in different kinds of leases, which govern the transfer of leasehold rights, are provided in Schedules to Cantonment Administration Rules, 1925 and 1937, framed under the Cantonments Act, 1924. The conditions laid down therein are:

(i) *Lease of Building Sites*: Upon every assignment, transfer or sub-lease of the site of the building to be erected thereon, or any part thereof, notice thereof shall be given to the Military Estates Officer within one month from the date of such assignment, transfer or sub-lease (Condition 3 of Schedule VI to CLA Rules 1925).

(ii) *Building Lease for a term of thirty years renewable at option of lessee up to ninety years*: Upon every assignment, transfer or sub-lease of the premises hereby demised or any part thereof or within one calendar month thereafter to deliver a notice of such assignment transfer or sub-lease to the Military Estates Officer setting forth the names and descriptions of the parties to every such assignment transfer or sub-lease and the particulars and effect thereof Condition 1(8) of Schedule VIII to CLA Rules 1937).

(iii) *Building Lease for a term of years not exceeding thirty and not renowable*: Upon every assignment, transfer or sub-lease of the premises hereby demied or any part thereof or within one calendar month thereafter to deliver a notice of such assignment transfer or sub-lease to the Military Estates Officer setting forth the names and descriptions of the parties to every such assignment, transfer or sub-lease and the particulars and effect thereof (Condition I(8) of Schedule IX to CLA Rules 1937).

(iv) *Bidding Lease in Perpetuity:* Upon every assignment transfer or sub-lease of the premises hereby demised or any part thereof or within one calendar month thereafter to deliver a notice of such assignment transfer or sub-lease to the Militay Estates

Officer setting forth the names and description of the parties to every such assignment transfer or sub-lease and the particulars and effect thereof [Condition I(8) of Schedule X to CLA Rules 1937].

(v) *Lease of Agricultural Land*: Not to assign under-let, transfer or part with possession of the said land or any part thereof or any of his/their right or interests therein under these presents without the written sanction of the Military Estates Officer/Cantonment Board [Condition I(6) of Schedule XIV to CLA 1937].

Purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer

8146. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned Rs. 300 crores for the purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer for Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, by when the acquisition of the Jet Trainer is likey to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No Government sanction has as yet been issued for the purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer. However, a budegtary a location of Rs. 300 crores has been made, for this purpose, in the financial year 1995-96. After completion of technical negotiations with short listed vendors, a Detailed Project Report has been prepared to facilitate commercial negotiations.

Pending cases of pensions of army men

8147. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications are pending with Government regarding pensions of army men;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in disposing of these cases; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to speedily dispose of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) As on 30.4.1995, 5,135 pension claims of retired/released Army personnel and 2,168 family pension claims of widows of ex-Army personnel were pending. The oldest pending service pension claim relates to March, 1995 and of family pension pertains to February, 1995. There is no delay in settlement of pension claims of the Army personnel. For expeditious settlement of pension claims; extensive computerisation has been introduced.

Freign journey undertaken by officers of Directorate of Defence Estates

8148. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) wheether it is a fact that Government have allowed some of the senior officers of the Directorate of Defence Estates, Central Command to undertake foreign journey;

(b) whether some of the officers have been repeatedly visiting foreign countries;

(c) whether expenditure is being incurred by such officers much beyond the resources available to them as per the known sources of their income;

(d) if so, the facts and details of the officers who were allowed to undertake private visits to foreign countries during the last three years;

(e) whether Government will enquire the sources of their income other than salaries etc.; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. One Indian Defence Estates Service Officer posted in the Central Command has been granted